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## THIS IS OURS!

This is Rensselaer High School----more than just one of the 780 high schools in Indiana to 378 students, more to its students than a brick building partly covered with ivy, more to its students than meets the eye. This is ours. Filled with students and teachers five days a week, it offers us life--a life of our own, different to each of us in our individual way.

From these walls come an education--an education that will be looked back upon as one of our most prized possessions. The classes lead to friendships among fellow students and between students and teachers as well. From these friendships develop clubs, organizations, and after class "get togethers." Then the path of harmony broadens and together we fight for and sing the praises of old R. H. S. in our sports program. This loyalty has been developed over a period of four years; and at the end of that time, we seniors will leave this Rensselaer High School and "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES."

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LEAVING  
OUR ALMA MATER



#### MINISTERS AWARD PRIZES

Robert Ward, Joe Fitch, C. T. Fleetwood, Carl Bosse

#### SHOELESS STUDENTS SLIDE 'N SMILE

The night of the ALL SCHOOL PARTY turned out to be a "socking success" as everyone joined in the fun. Even the seniors took off their shoes and placed them right beside those of the freshmen.

Can you imagine a junior rolling a potato across the floor? Or a sophomore boy asking a senior girl to dance? This was just a small part of the fun that lasted all evening and the beginning of the friendly spirit that lasted all year between the classes.

#### GRAB A SHOE--FIND YOUR PARTNER



#### THEY MADE THE FUN

All the careful planning of the Student Council members took on new significance as four ministers led us in group games. Maybe we'll forget what games we played and the refreshments we ate, but not one of us will forget the fun we had. We owe our thanks to Mr. Beaman, to the council members, and to Rev. Ward, Presbyterian Church; Rev. Fitch, Christian Church; Rev. Fleetwood, Nazarene Church; and Rev. Bosse, Methodist Church.

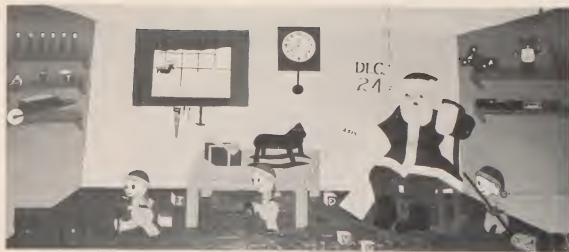


#### DIG THOSE CRAZY KIDS!

#### BUTTON BUTTON--WHO'S GOT THE BUTTON?







THIS IS SANTA'S  
WORKSHOP

#### OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

'Twas three nights before Christmas  
When all through the gym,  
Not a chair was empty  
And more were carried in.

The band started to play  
And when it was through,  
The chorus began to sing  
And not a person did move.

There were greetings and solos  
And then by candlelight  
Everyone hushed to hear  
The chorus and "Silent Night."

The evening was perfect  
The music was grand  
And to Mau and his musicians  
We all gave a hand.



MR. MAU, "FROSTY," AND  
JULIEN BLACKERBY



DAILY BAND REHEARSAL--WE STRIVE FOR PERFECTION



"HERE COMES THE BAND!"

We'll remember our 1953 Homecoming! It was a big day for everyone. Friday afternoon we formed a parade of the band, floats, the queen and her attendants and a lot of enthusiastic students. We marched downtown to the courthouse square to cheer our football men to victory. And then came the game! The floats circled the football field and it wasn't long before everyone could spot the smiling "Speech Club" members. With their chef hats and big kettle, they "cooked those Devils" and won first prize.

#### EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE



# COMING



"I CROWN YOU QUEEN OF THE RENSSELAER 1953 HOMECOMING"

Michael Grant, Student Council President; Harold Shuster, Senior President; Jo Hite, Queen; Attendants: Beverly Peacock, Judy Newcome, Sandra Jensen, Gayla Fleming.

During the crowning of the queen, the band formed a jeweled crown with balloons and began their show with "Ain't She Sweet?" At times it seemed as if the cheerleaders and the "kids" were working as hard as the team, but we were all proud of our hoarse voices. And we're sure that it was worth it, for we beat Lowell 41-14. All too soon the game was over, but the Homecoming Dance moved into the spotlight. What a wonderful, wonderful day!

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Suzy Phegley, Jane Kurtz, Jean Pullin





GEORGIANN KNOUFF CONVERSES WITH PATIENT

### SUCCESS SHINES ON SIXTEEN

It's new! It's RHS's latest addition clubwise! Nine boys and six girls put their heads together with Mr. Patterson and came up with a new idea--or maybe we just applied an age-old one. Anyway, we combined work and pleasure into the D. C. E. Club--that's short for Diversified Cooperative Education.

A hayride and weiner roast led our parade of activities, and the boys visited the Studebaker Corporation at South Bend. Of course, there was work too--in class and on the job. We go to school only one-half day, but when the bell rings at 3:30, we stay on the job. There were just lots of occupational opportunities--auto mechanics, radio and TV, plumbing, nursing, retail selling, bookkeeping plus lots of "book learnin'". Each of us study materials that apply directly to our job, and together we discuss taxes, unions, and incomes.

We're sure that work and pleasure combined can be a success.



8 LEE MILLER CHECKS SHOE STOCK



MR. FIXIT--DEAN McELFRESH

# D. C. E.

Bill Wilcox . . . . President  
Delbert Hickman. Vice-President  
Elaine Moore  
Secretary-Treasurer



## PEOPLE

### WE LIVE FOR THESE MOMENTS

The minutes before school begins each morning, the extra time during our noon hour and a minute between classes finds us together "chewing the fat" in the study hall. This has come to be the most popular meeting place for students and their friends at Rensselaer High. All of these minutes spent in discussing everything from math problems to latest dates make up a memorable part of "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES."



#### OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

GERALD RISHLING, Secretary; HAROLD W. CAMPBELL, President;  
DAN A. SCHAFFER, City Superintendent; KEITH B. ROBINSON,  
Treasurer.

#### THEY HELP BUILD OUR SCHOOL

From the big task of outlining our school policy to the small but important job of typing daily bulletins, we depend upon our school administrative personnel. Whether it be planning the annual school program or personal counseling, they are always willing to help us.

For all their extra hours of work and effort, we owe them our thanks.



#### THEY HELP US, TOO

MRS. BEULAH PATTERSON, Superintendent's Secretary; MRS. BERNIECE RISTAU, Principal's Secretary.

#### OUR PRINCIPAL AND COUNSELORS

ELIZABETH KRESLER--University of Illinois B. S., Purdue University M. S., Latin, English, Girls' Counselor, Sunshine Society. WILLIAM J. HOLT--Indiana State Teachers College B. S., Indiana University M. S., Principal. ROBERT PABST--Indiana University B. S., English, Boys' Counselor, Senior Class Play.





## FRIENDS



IT LOOKS "SEW" EASY

MRS. MILDRED HARDY--Indiana State Teachers College B. S.,  
Home Economics, FHA, Freshman Class, MRS. MARTHA T.  
BITZEGAIO--Indiana State Teachers College B. S., Home Economics,  
Cafeteria Supervisor.

Demonstrations and attractive displays add their spice to make Rensselaer High School a more enjoyable place in which to spend our school days.

These things, which seem so small standing alone, and the pleasures they bring with them, add greatly to our everyday enjoyment.



THAT'S "NEAT" I

MRS. VIRGINIA HERSHMAN--Purdue University  
B. S., Speech, English, Speech Contests, Senior  
Class, EDITH E. LUTY--Indiana University A. B.,  
English, Rensselaerien, Sophomore Class, Library.  
MRS. LUCILLE FOSTER--DePauw University B. Mus.  
Ed., Art.



## GIVE US

### WE LEARN BY DOING

R. S. BUNDY--Purdue University B. S. A., M. S., Vocational Agriculture, FFA, Sophomore Class, MRS. HELEN PENNINGTON--Ball State A. B., M. A., Shorthand, Typing, Office Machines, Chaos, Junior Class, ROBERT E. PATTERSON--Indiana State Teachers College B. S., Diversified Occupations Program.

Our teachers have homework too. Sponsoring clubs and classes, selling tickets at our ball games, supervising publications, and even making tests account for hours upon hours of their time.

Really though, we think that they enjoy our high school activities as much as we do.

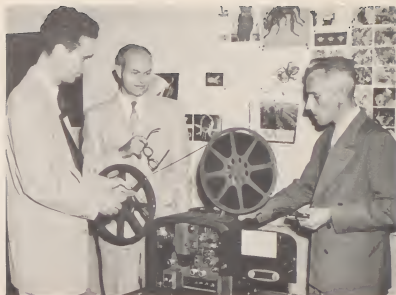


### "DOES THIS PERTAIN TO HISTORY?"

H. M. DAVISSON--Salem College (West Virginia) A. B., Indiana University M. S., Advanced Math, Social Studies, Aviation Education, Hi-Y, Senior Class, CALVIN F. BEAMAN--Indiana State Teachers College B. S., Purdue University M. S., General Math, U. S. History, Student Council, WILLIAM A. GATLIN--Indiana University B. S., M. S. Commercial, Social Studies, School Treasurer.



## GUIDANCE



### "MOVIES TODAY"

KEITH MOHR--Manchester College A.B., Algebra, Geometry, Biology, Photo Club, E.S. JACK--University of Illinois B.S., M.S., Chemistry, Biology, Physical Science, Science Club, Junior Class, Intramural Activities, ROBERT A. MAU--DePaul University B. Mus. Ed., Vandercook College M.M. Band, Chorus, Freshman Class.

Besides routine classes, we are fortunate in having movies, convocations, and students programs. These things, plus our intramural and gym classes, present an opportunity for us to become "socially educated."

Every phase of our high school years can be remembered by both teachers and students as "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES."



### TIME FOR FUN TOO

CHARLES WAVERLY MYERS--Ball State Teachers College B.S., Typing, Family Living, Health and Safety, Football, Asst. Basketball, Golf, ROBERT STRAIGHT--Ball State B.S., Physical Education, Driver Training, Basketball, Asst. Football, Asst. Track, Monogram, ELIZABETH STONER--Indiana State Teachers College B.S., Physical Education, GAA, Yell Leaders, E.G. HARRISON--Purdue University B.S.A., Industrial Arts, FCA, Freshman Basketball, Jr. Varsity Football, Varsity Track.



## THOSE WHO ARE

### "TURKEY RUN?

### McCORMICK'S CREEK?"

Harold Shuster. . . President  
Robert Carter . . . Secretary  
Gayla Fleming. . . Treasurer  
Rex Wuerthner . Vice-President

### THIS IS HIGH SCHOOL AS WE LIVED IT

Four years ago 79 of us entered as wide-eyed strangers who anticipated, hoped, and even dared to dream a little. All the newness gleamed on our brightly scrubbed faces as we eagerly sought our classrooms.

The following September we happily came back to school and tried to impress upon the new freshmen that we were part of the scenery. We started to work immediately by selling tickets to the intra-squad basketball game. The proceeds went for a new scoreboard. Boy, were we proud of that! A few months later we proudly displayed our sharp black class sweaters with an outstanding white "54" on the sleeve. We played host to the students New Years Eve with lots of music, confetti, food, and fun.

Like all juniors, we eagerly waited for our class rings, and like all the classes before us, we were sure that we had selected the prettiest. (Well, didn't we?) We combined our acting talent and produced a smashing hit of a class play, "Everything Happens To Us." It wasn't long after that until "Prom Time" and we began to display our artistic talent. We were all proud of our Wonderland and the blue-eyed blonde, Alice, which created a perfect setting for our theme, "Through The Looking Glass."

The next fall we all came back as "sophisticated seniors" and began to publish the CHAOS. That was work that was carried on throughout the year, but we were kept extra busy in between times. First was the Homecoming Dance, and then we all spruced up to have our individual class pictures taken. What fun it was to exchange pictures with our classmates. As soon as we started fitting robes for graduation, we realized that the end of our high school days was near and that we had spent a part of "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES."

### OUR SPONSORS--MRS. HERSHMAN, MR. DAVISSON



## ABOUT TO LEAVE

### MARY ELLEN ALLIE

Lowell H.S. 1; Sunshine 2, 3, 4; Rensselaerien 4; Science Club 3, Vice-Pres. 4; GAA 1; Latin Club 1; Glee Club 1.

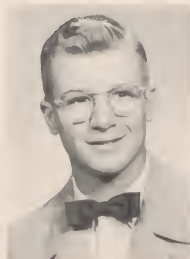


### DEBRA BLUMENTHAL

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, Historian 2, 3, 4; GAA 4; Rensselaerien 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; Class Sec. Treas. 2.

### RICHARD THOMAS BRUSNAHAN

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 3, 4; Basketball 1; Monogram 2, 3, 4.



### JAMES CALDWELL

Hi-Y 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Football Mgr. 1, 3; Basketball Mgr. 1, 2, 3, 4; Track Mgr. 2; Chaos Asst. Bus. Mgr. 3; Bus Mgr. 4; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Class Treas. 1, 3; Monogram 2, 3, Sec. Treas. 4.

### ROBERT A. CARMAN

FCA 1, 2, 3; Football 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Science Club 4; Monogram 2, 3, 4.



### ROBERT CLAYTON CARTER

Hi-Y 1, Treas. 2, 3, 4; FCA 1, Treas. 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 3; Chaos 4; Class Sec. 4; Chorus 1; Monogram 2, 3, 4.



## REMEMBER

ELIZABETH ANN CHALLIS

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, Treas. 3, Historian 4; GAA 2, 4; Rensselaerien 3; Chaos 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



DORIS JEAN CHUPP

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 4; Chaos 4.

JANE ELIZABETH CONLIN

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; Rensselaerien 3, 4; Chaos 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

KENNETH CULP JR.

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 2, 3, Treas. 4; Football 3; Basketball 1, 2; Chaos 4; Monogram 2, 3, 4.



DAVID DAVISSON

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Monogram 2, 3, 4.

MARY MAY DOWTY

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 2; Science Club 4.

## OUR PROM

BESSIE BELLE DUNLAP

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD ELDRIDGE

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2.



PAUL D. ESHLEMAN

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Treas. 3, 4; FCA 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Chaos Asst. Sports Editor 3; Sports Editor 4; Student Council 1, Treas. 2, 3; Band 1, 2; Class Vice-Pres. 2; Monogram Board of Directors 2. Vic-Pres. 3. Pres. 4.

JAMES LLOYD GOOD

Hi-Y 2, 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

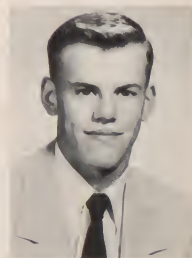


GAYLA JUNE FLEMING

Sunshine 1, Corres. Sec. 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, Sec. 3, Pres. 4; FHA Dist. Historian 3, 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, Sec 2, Pres. 3, 4; Class Treas. 4; Chorus 2, 3, 4.

MAX ALAN HENRY

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; FCA 1, 2, Vice-Pres. 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Play 3; Student Council 1, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Monogram 2, 3, 4.





## AND OUR

WENDELL H. HENRY

Hi-Y 1,3; FFA 1, Vice-Pres. 2,3; Football 3.

DELBERT DEAN HICKMAN

Hi-Y 1,2; FFA 1,2; Football 1.



THERESA MAE HINTZ

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4.

NORMA JO HITE

Sunshine 1,2, Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4; FHA 1, Song-leader 2, Vice-Pres. 3,4; Student Council Sec. 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls Glee Club 3,4; Homecoming Attendant 1; Homecoming Queen 4; Rensselaerien 3,4.



ROSE MARY KLAUS

Sunshine 1,2,3, Exec. Committee 4; FHA 4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 3; Class Play 3; Rensselaerien 1,2,3,4; Chaos 4; Student Council 1; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Science Club 4.

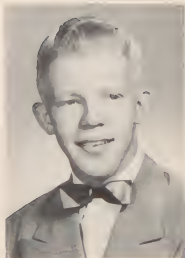
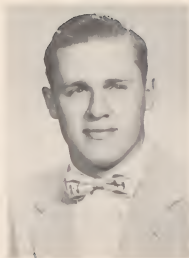
GEORGIANN KNOUFF

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; GAA 2; Science Club 4; Chorus 1.

# CLASS PLAY

ROBERT LAMBERT

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1,2; Rensselaerien 4; Band 2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,4; Monogram 2,3,4; Photo Club 4.



RICHARD E. LINBACK

Hi-Y 1,2; Sec. 3,4; FCA 2,3; Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3; Student Council 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Class Pres. 1; Monogram 2,3,4.



DEAN EDWARD McELFRESH

Hi-Y 1; FFA 1,2; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 2,4; Monogram 2,3,4.

SUE MERICA

Sunshine 1, Exec. Board 2, Rec. Sec. 3,4; GAA 1,2,4; Cheerleader Fresh. 1, B-Team 3; Class Play Student Director 3; Rensselaerien 1,2,3,4; Chaos Asst. Ed. 3, Ed. 4; Student Council Sec. 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Debate Club 1; Science Club 1,4; Photo Club 2; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4.



RUTH GAIL MICHAL

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; FHA 3; GAA 3,4; Band 1; Science Club 4; Chorus 1.

DONALD LEE MILLER

Hi-Y 1,2,3; FFA 1,2; Rensselaerien 3; Band 1.





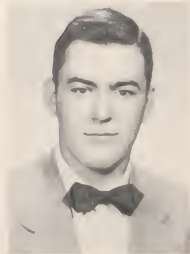
## OUR HEARTS

### ELAINE E. MOORE

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; GAA 1; Student Council 3; Class Pres. 2, Vice-Pres. 3; Chorus 1, 2; Photo Club 3.

### MARVIN E. NESIUS

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, Treas. 3, Pres. 4; Student Council 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 4.



### MARILYN PADGITT

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Rensselaerien 1, 2, Co-Editor 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

### LARRY M. PASS

Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; FCA 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3; Monogram 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4.



### SUZY MAY PHEGLEY

Sunshine 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, Vice-Pres. 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Rensselaerien 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

### JEAN PULLIN

Sunshine 2, 3, 4; FHA 2, News Reporter 3, 4; GAA Sec. 2, Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Cheerleader 1, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3.



## WERE YOUNG

ROSEMARY C. QUINN

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Rensselaerien 3;  
Science Club 1,2,3, Sec. Treas. 4; Chorus 1,2.

BROOKE RISNER

Hi-Y 1; FFA 2; Student Council 2.

JACK SAYLER

Hi-Y 2,3; Football 1,2,3; Monogram 2,3,4.

BETTY ANN SCRIPTER

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Science Club 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4.

ELINOR IRENE SHELLEY

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; FHA 1; Chorus 1.

HAROLD ALLEN SHUSTER

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Football Manager 2,3,4; Student  
Council 3,4; Science Club 1,2,4; Class Sec. 3.  
Class Pres. 4; Monogram 3,4; Photo Club 2, Pres. 3.





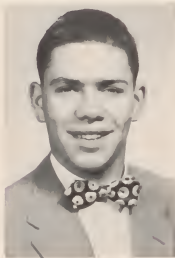
## AND GAY

LAVERN P. SIEGRIST

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; FCA 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 3,4.

PAUL EUGENE SLAUGHTER

Hi-Y 1,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Monogram 2,3,4; Football 1,3,4.



JOHN SMITH

Hi-Y 4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4; Basketball 3; Monogram 2,3,4.

JAMES WILLIAM SIMONS

Hi-Y 1,3,4; FCA 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Basketball 1; Monogram 2,3.



ANN SPRIGGS

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Rensselaerien 1,4; Chaos 4; Science Club 1,3,4; Chorus 3.

NORMAN J. STANDISH

Hi-Y 1,2,4; FCA 1,2,3, Pres. 4; Football 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Monogram 2,3,4.

## AND THESE WERE

### BEVERLY ANN STERRETT

Sunshine 1,2,3,4; GAA 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3; Renaissance 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Science Club 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4.



### DONNA JEANNE STEVENS

Sunshine 1,2, Exec. Board 3,4; FHA 2,3,4; GAA 1; Science Club 4.

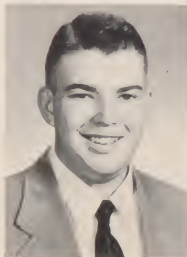


### DAVID B. SWEENEY

Hi-Y 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; Sentinel 4; Track 1,2; Class Play 3; Monogram 2,3,4; Football 2; Basketball 1.

### MARSHALL DEAN TIMMONS

Hi-Y 1,2,3; FCA 1,2,3; Football 1,2; Basketball 1; Track 1,2; Class Play 3; Band 1,2,3; Science Club 3,4; Chorus 3,4; Monogram 2,3.



### EDWARD TOWNSEND

Marion H.S. 3; Photo Club 4; Science Club 4.

### ROBERT TRAMMELL

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; FCA 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1; Monogram 2,3,4.



CURTAIN TIME: "EVERYTHING HAPPENS TO US"

"Bink" Timmons, Marilyn Padgett, Rose Klaus, Beverly Sterrett, Barbara Minniear, Dick Linback.

## THE BEST YEARS



MARTH LOIS VINSON

FHA 1,2,3,4; Sunshine 1,2,3, Treas. 4;  
GAA 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2; Chorus  
1,2,3.



CAROL JANE WALTER

FHA 1,2,3; Sunshine 1,2,3,4; Rensselaer-  
ien 3,4; Science Club 3,4.



REX R. WUERTHNER

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3; Football 1,2,  
4; Track 3,4; Band 1,2,3, Pres. 4; Class  
Vice-Pres. 4; Monogram Club 1,2,3,  
Vice-Pres. 4; Chorus 4.



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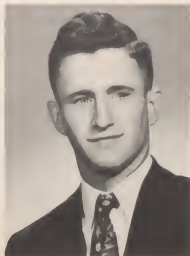
Jo Hite, Elaine Moore, Vinson, Be  
Dunlap, Quinn.

## OF OUR LIVES



"IS THERE A BARRYMORE IN THE HOUSE?"

Jo Ann Schultz, Dave Davisson, Suzy Phegley, Sue Merica, Dave Sweeney, Roseann Valade, Gary Rule, Max Henry.



**WILLIAM WILCOX**

Hi-Y 1,2,3; FCA 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Track 1; Science Club 1; Chorus 1.



**ROSEANN MARIE VALADE**

Sunshine 1,2,3, Chairman Exec. Board 4; FHA 1,2,3, Song Leader 4; Class Play Stage Director 3; Science Club 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4.



**USHERETTES**

Jean Pullin, Gayla Fleming, Martha Rose.



**MAX OTT WELTZIN**

Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Science Club 3.



**FRANK ZICKMUND**

Hi-Y 3; FFA 1,2,3, Sec. 4; Band 1,2,3,4.



#### JUNIORS MAKE PROM PLANS

Gordon Dean, President; Mr. Jacks, Junior Sponsor;  
Charles Draves, Vice-President; Deana Michael,  
Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Pennington, Junior Sponsor.

Looking back, each year seemed to be the BEST--the newness of high school, learning our way around, becoming upper classmen, and then the final step. It all passed so quickly, and we seniors leave it now for you underclassmen to enjoy.

## AND THOSE WE



#### "RED, BLACK, OR HOW ABOUT WHITE?"

Miss Luty, Sophomore Sponsor; Judy Pettet, Secretary-Treasurer; Gayla Michael, Vice-President; Mr. Bundy, Sophomore Sponsor; Sam Foster, President.



#### "WELCOME FRESHMEN!"

Janice Hefner, President; Mr. Mau, Freshman Sponsor; Doris Ogle, Treasurer; Don Allie, Vice-President; Mrs. Hardy, Freshman Sponsor; Sue Jordan, Secretary.



# LEAVE BEHIND

## JUNIORS

TOP ROW: Felder, Fiala, C. Anderson, Chupp, R. Critser, Fleetwood, SECOND ROW: Frey, Bulington, S. Anderson, Gilmore, Battleday, THIRD ROW: Clouse, Bramble, Cook, Fleming, Eldridge, Grant, FOURTH ROW: J. Daugherty, Foster, Bretzinger, Finch, N. Critser, FIFTH ROW: Cartoll, Brown, S. Byrd, Chapman, N. Byrd, F. Daugherty.

TOP ROW: Mau, Hughes, Knorr, Hopkins, Lawson, D. Jordan, McCarty, SECOND ROW: B. Miller, Key, Hall, List, M. Jordan, Long, THIRD ROW: DeWees, Kresel, Jensen, Hansen, C. Miller, FOURTH ROW: Moore, Houston, Kerns, James, Jones, Kelley, FIFTH ROW: Murray, Hayes, Martin, Kurtz, P. Miller, Griffin,

TOP ROW: Paulus, V. Wood, D. Phegley, Tullis, F. Steinke, Potts, Walter, SECOND ROW: Ockerman, Stevens, Zickmund, Sheffer, O'Connor, Richards, THIRD ROW: Platt, Tilton, Phares, M. Steinke, Williams, Tonner, Werre, FOURTH ROW: Stotler, J. Phegley, Ritter, Yeoman, Tiede, Schultz, FIFTH ROW: Schafer, Shuster, Reed, I. Wood, Steinmetz.



## SOPHOMORES

TOP ROW: Grater, Barkley, Battleday, Kirk, Hemphill, Duley, Coley. SECOND ROW: Antcliff, Gastineau, R. Kohley, Kaufman, Brandenburg, Jordan. THIRD ROW: Kurtz, Clemens, C. Kohley, Hamacher, Bramble, Handley, Drake. FOURTH ROW: Flinn, Hunter, Day, Holbrook, Duggleby, Blackledge. FIFTH ROW: Grant, Amott, Green, Hughes, Kresler, Amsler, Biggs.

## UNDERCLASSMEN FACE THE

## SOPHOMORES

TOP ROW: Ristau, Ott, M. Parker, Lee, Sheldon, McGouran, Quinn. SECOND ROW: A. Sheffer, Moore, McCord, Obermeyer, Randle, K. Sheffer. THIRD ROW: Meiser, Schultz, Rowan, Pass, Mohr, Nestus, Pullins. FOURTH ROW: Lehe, M. C. Reitz, Rardin, M. A. Reitz, B. Risner, N. Risner. FIFTH ROW: King, L. Sheffer, Rude, Mann, Phegley, Sanders, Lane.



## SOPHOMORES

TOP ROW: Swing, Wortley, Wooten, Torbet, Steinke, Tilton, Wheelodon, SECOND ROW: Walker, B. Smith, Smucker, Spall, Zickmund, Switzer, THIRD ROW: Wollin, Snow, Streitmatter, Siegrist, Vinson, Trotter, Shindelar, FOURTH ROW: Williams, Wagner, Taylor, Zeigler, Slaughter, Shindle, FIFTH ROW: Young, N. Smith, Weltzin, Trusty, Stalhandske, Standish, Trammell,



## FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

## FRESHMEN

TOP ROW: Carman, Arihood, Day, Barkley, Frey, John Cain, Daugherty, SECOND ROW: Bretzinger, Hall, Bosse, Allen, Kanne, Hopkins, THIRD ROW: Eldridge, Fleming, Hudson, Hershberger, Fontaine, Baker, Drake, FOURTH ROW: Hickman, Alberts, Agnew, Gutwein, Brandenberg, Janet Cain, FIFTH ROW: Clark, Fitch, Hammond, Caldwell, Griffin, Burton, DeWees,





## FRESHMEN

TOP ROW: Nesius, Obermeyer, Moore, Motheral, Kuyrkendall, Pass, McAleer. SECOND ROW: Lawson, L. Miller, M. Miller, Knoerzer, Lucas, Langwell. THIRD ROW: Merica, Merritt, A. Jensen, Loneragan, Kirk, Klingler, List. FOURTH ROW: D. J. Miller, Ockerman, Jackson, McGouran, Kelly, Lintner. FIFTH ROW: Meiser, M. Jensen, Lakin, Kresel, P. Miller, Nesius, Lewis.

WE LEAVE R.H.S. TO YOU



## FRESHMEN

TOP ROW: C. Rayburn, Rosenkranz, Putman, Rishling, Padgett, Yeoman, Turner, Allen. SECOND ROW: Smith, Wuertner, Parrish, Tonner, Warran, Strain, Schaden, THIRD ROW: Swartzell, Putts, Swayze, Ritter, Sayers, P. Rayburn, K. Robinson, Shindle. FOURTH ROW: Williams, Wilkens, Vogel, Peacock, Wright, Spriggs, Ream. FIFTH ROW: Paulus, Swalm, D. Robinson, Romine, Sellers.



## ACTIVITIES

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DANCES

Our acquaintances became our friends at club meetings and while working on committee projects. Each organization was outstanding for a particular event, but we all took our turn at sponsoring dances. These various dances changed our gym many times--from a "Sadie Hawkins" theme to the annual much awaited Sunshine Dance. All of these dances, from the Bunny Hop to waltzes, contributed in making this "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES."

# STUDENT COUNCIL



Michael Grant --  
President  
Gordon Dean --  
Vice Pres.  
Jo Hite -- Secretary  
Art Vinson --  
Treasurer  
Mr. Beaman - Sponsor

## DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Gordon Dean, Harold Shuster, Mr. Beaman, Marvin Nesius, Joan Hansen, Michael Grant, Jo Hite, Barbara Carroll, Art Vinson.

The students enjoyed our all-school party, the convocations we sponsored, and we're sure that they all had their turn at using the student phone. The new idea of our selecting and purchasing the records for the school dances proved popular with all the school organizations.

"LET'S GET THE 'BUNNY HOP' RECORD"



James Caldwell, Sam Foster, Jane Kurtz, Ronald Kaufman, Marilyn Merritt, A. K. Padgett, Mike Kanne, Janice Hefner, Laurel Rardin, Max - Henry (NOT PICTURED).

# CHAOS STAFF

Sue Merica - Editor  
Joan Hansen --  
Asst. Editor  
James Caldwell --  
Bus. Manager  
Mrs. Pennington --  
Sponsor



## IT'S FUN--BUT LOTS OF WORK

Frank Felder, James Caldwell, Sue Merica, Vaughn Wood, Joan Hansen, Paul Eshleman,  
Mrs. Pennington.

We were as eager as you to see the finished 1954 yearbook. The hours and hours we spent planning and taking pictures, identifying and trimming them, and writing and typing copy were as much fun as they were work. We enjoyed doing it and hope that you will enjoy THE 1954 CHAOS.

## CHECK, CHECK--AND DOUBLE CHECK



Ann Spriggs, Doris Chupp, Kenneth  
Culp, Jane Conlin, Libby Challis,  
Rose Klaus.



IT LOOKS INTERESTING

## F. C. A.

Mr. Harrison . . . Sponsor  
Charles Miller . . . Reporter  
Bob Lee . . . Sec. Treas.  
Norman Standish . . . President  
George Clouse . . . Vice-Pres.

Early in November we jumped into a school bus and headed for the Gary Steel Mills. How amazed we were to learn on what a large scale the mills operate.

We especially enjoyed the various movies on drafting and on metal and wood lathe operations which we watched at our meetings. At the Spring Exhibit we proudly displayed all our hours of work in the forms of desks, cedar chests, dressers, and lamps.



TOP ROW: Critser, Davison, Pass, Tullis, Hopkins, Caldwell, Lawson, SECOND ROW: Walter, M. Jordan, F. Steinke, Trammell, Henry, Simons. THIRD ROW: Bruns, Chupp, Duley, Hughes, Carter, Clemans, Quinn, FOURTH ROW: Smith, Battleday, Wheeldon, Seldon, DeWees, D. Jordan, FIFTH ROW: Ristau, Sheffer, Foster, Slaughter, Flinn.



# RENSSELAERIEN STAFF

Deana Michael. . . Co-Editor  
Miss Luty . . . Sponsor  
Jane Kurtz . . . Co-Editor  
Carol Shuster . . . Typist  
Barbara Schafer . . . Typist



SEARCHERS FOR NEWS

"Where is that feature story?" "Are all the assignments in?" Can you type this for me right away?"

These are a few of the problems we meet every two weeks in publishing our school paper. Sometimes it seems like too much work, but it's wonderful to walk through the halls every other Wednesday and hear, "Oh, the Rensselaerien comes out today!"

TOP ROW: Holbrook, Wood, Tilton, B. Miller, Swing, Lambert, Grant, S. Tonner, Day, SECOND ROW: Hansen, Yeoman, Daugherty, Taylor, Houston, Arnott, C. Tonner, Siegrist, THIRD ROW: Pettet, Hite, Steinke, Biddle, Gilmore, Spriggs, C. Kelley, V. Kelley, Martin, FOURTH ROW: Green, Slaughter, Merica, Sterrett, Blumenthal, Lehe, Klaus, Walter, FIFTH ROW: Standish, Smith, Rardin, Reitz, Trammell, F. Daugherty, Allie.





THE SCIENTIFIC AGE OF FARMING

F.F.A.

Frank Zickmund	. Secretary
Kenneth Culp	. Treasurer
Bill Miller	. Vice-Pres.
Marvin Nesius	. President
Mr. Bundy	. Adviser
David Sweeney	. Sentinel

We opened the fall season playing host to the F.H.A. girls at our annual trade party. After a picnic at Camp Kanne, we were so stuffed that when we reached the gym we could hardly dance.

One of our major projects was assisting in the County Corn Show. We had complete charge of the entries. Our own secretary, Frank Zickmund, presided as toastmaster. We financed the trip for six members to attend the District Officers Training School, for two to represent us at the state convention at Purdue, and for one to participate in the FFA State Band.



TOP ROW: Potts, Phegley, Wortley, Good, Nesius, C. Barkley, L. Steinke, Brandenburg. SECOND ROW: Gastineau, Moore, L. Barkley, D. Obermeyer, Sanders, Torbet, T. Obermeyer. THIRD ROW: Antcliff, C. Kohley, Kaufman, Fleming, Richard Eldridge, Jordan, R. Kohley, Roger Eldridge. FOURTH ROW: J. Eldridge, Fleming, Allie, Miller, Dunlap, Hall, Lawson. FIFTH ROW: Bulington, Zickmund, Spall, List, Ritter.



# F. H. A.

Barbara Schafer . Reporter  
 Roseann Valade . Song Leader  
 Jane Kurtz . Secretary  
 Mrs. Hardy . Sponsor  
 Judy Pettet . Co-Historian  
 Libby Challis . Co-Historian  
 Arlene Houston . Treasurer  
 Patty Moore .  
 . . . . . Parliamentarian  
 Jo Hite . . . . . Vice-Pres.  
 Gayla Fleming . President



THIS WAS OUR SURPRISE FOR YOU

We will always remember the excitement of dropping clues while planning a surprise for the students and faculty. Observing National F. H. A. Week, we served hot chocolate and cookies one morning before school began.

Decorating a Christmas tree is always fun, and this year our tree in the main hall and the Christmas music we played seemed to put everyone in a gay holiday mood. The winter flew by, and once again it was time for our Easter program. It was then we realized that soon the year and our F. H. A. activities would become memories.

TOP ROW: Biggs, Streitmatter,  
 Vinson, Critser, James, Gilmore,  
 Hunter. SECOND ROW: Steinke,  
 Blumenthal, Klaus, Phegley,  
 Hintz, Nesius. THIRD ROW: Par-  
 rish, Kerns, Biddle, Daugherty, E.  
 Spriggs, Clapman, Siegrist. FOURTH  
 ROW: Werre, Agnew, Weltzin,  
 Smith, Taylor, Lehe. FIFTH ROW:  
 C. Griffin, Dunlap, Pullins,  
 Stevens, B. Griffin.





TOW ROW: Wilkens, Ristau, Handley, A. Padgett, Long, R. Wuerthner, L. Siegrist, Dean, Martin, D. Jordan, Wuerthner, Randle, Rishling, Switzer, Bramble, McElfresh, M. Nesius. SECOND ROW: Robinson, Lakin, Shindie, Walker, Arihood, B. Nesius, McAleer, Schaden, Slaughter, Fitch, D. Miller, Hudson, Baker, Ream, Hershberger, F. Moore, Mohr, Ogle, Jackson, Wright, S. Jordan, B. Ockerman, Paulus, D. Robinson, Gutwein, Lambert, P. Moore, Sterrett. FOURTH ROW: Rardin, Michael, Chapman, Amsler, Battleday, Critser, Daugherty, Duggleby, Brandenburg, Linback. FIFTH ROW: S. Rishling, Merica, Williams, Fleming, F. Zickmund, Kresler, Swalm, Director Mau.



## THE SPICE OF THE MARCHING BAND

Drum Major Barbara Carroll led the R. H. S. marching band through a very colorful season. High stepping right behind her was Drum Majorette Susie Rishling, a pert little fifth grader, who added much to the zest of the marching 78 as they performed on the local football field.

# R. H. S. BAND

Remember our train trip to Bloomington? All 94 of us beamed as we were recognized as being the largest of the 78 bands participating in I. U. 's High School Band Day. And long before the snow fell, we practised and practised for our annual Christmas program, presented in the magic setting of Santa's Workshop.

How busy we were! In March, 200 high school musicians joined with us in presenting the County Music Festival. Immediately we began rehearsing for our own annual Spring Festival. (It's a good thing we had those new practice rooms!)

Our student teacher, Julien Blackerby, former RHS band member, helped Mr. Mau in preparing for all our activities, which were varied as the music we played.

And who can forget our annual band picnic? (Or Mr. Mau's "annual" home run?) It was a perfect ending for a perfect year.

"AND THERE'LL BE A CHRISTMAS TREE HERE"



Sandra Martin . . Vice-Pres.  
Rex Wuerthner . . President  
Barbara Carroll Sec. Treas.  
Mr. Mau . . . Director



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The music seemed to flow from our hearts as we were convinced that singing was a great big part of living. We were real proud of our size which consisted of 146 members and were all set to prove "quantity can be quality." Our first public appearance was our annual Christmas program. One of our specialties was singing "The Night Before Christmas" while other members of the chorus portrayed the song. And, of course, we ended it with our traditional singing of "Silent Night" while holding lighted candles. Besides preparing for the County Music Festival and our own Spring Festival, we were always busy with "extras," such as the Variety Show, Purdue Sing, and community activities.

From the chorus, the voices of thirty-five "music maids" were chosen and developed into the Glee Club. All of those after-school practices proved their worth as we participated with the regular chorus at the music programs.



TOP ROW: Rice, Pass, Zickmund, Wuertner, Siegrist, Rishling, Tonner, Streitmatter. SECOND ROW: Pullin, Warren, Sterrett, L. Schultz, Valade, Ziegler, Yeoman. THIRD ROW: Tilton, Shuster, Shindle, Wagner, Risner, Scripter, Wood, Stotler. FOURTH ROW: S. Williams, C. Williams, Reitz, Trammell, Rardin, Standish, Stalhandske. FIFTH ROW: K. Robinson, Schaden, D. Robinson, Wright, Swaim, A. Schultz.

# CHORUS

TOP ROW: Frey, Foster, Dougherty, Antcliff, Draves, Braudenburg, Day, Alberts. SECOND ROW: Gutwein, Bulington, Gilmore, Houston, Daugherty, Arnott, Duggleby. THIRD ROW: Dunlap, Challis, L. Fleming, Arthood, Baker, Hershberger, Hintz, G. Fleming. FOURTH ROW: Bretzing, Green, Carrol, Conlin, Caldwell, Cain, Siegrist. FIFTH ROW: Fitch, Burton, DeWees, Grant, Hammond, Clark.



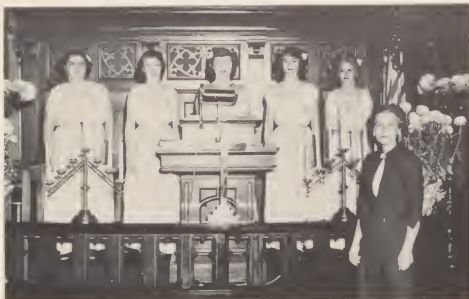
FIRST ROW: McElfresh, M. Nesius, Swing, Weltzin, Linback, Timmons, D. Jordan, Miller. SECOND ROW: Mr. Mau, Tilton, Snow, Rowan, Wuertner, Pass, Hamacher. THIRD ROW: Hlte, Pettet, Taylor, Moore, Hansen, Kelly, Slaughter, Wollin. FOURTH ROW: Lintner, Hefner, J. Nesius, Kreslet, Tonner, Ritter, Parrish. FIFTH ROW: Phegley, PeaCock, Reed, Wilkens, Rude, Trusty.



FIRST ROW: Holbrook, G. Merica, Miller, R. Paulus, Lambert, Padgett, McAlcer, D. Michael. SECOND ROW: Merritt, A. Jensen, S. Jensen, Kerns, Phares, James, F. Ockermann. THIRD ROW: Klaus, Jones, Kurtz, S. Merica, Kelley, Martin. FOURTH ROW: Ogle, Jordan, Meiser, Kresel, Jackson, Phegley, G. Michael. FIFTH ROW: Platt, King, E. Paulus, B. Ockermann, Lakin, Mann.







WILL THE NEW MEMBERS PLEASE RISE"

# SUNSHINE

Patty Moore . . . Rec. Sec.  
 Martha Vinson . . . Treasurer  
 Jo Hite . . . President  
 Joan Hansen . . . Corres. Sec.  
 Laurel Rardin . . . Vice-Pres.  
 Miss Kresler . . . Sponsor

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Rose Klaus,  
 Roseann Valade, Carol Schuster,  
 Barbara Carroll, Susie Kresler,  
 Judy Pettet, Janice Hefner, Susie  
 Tonner.

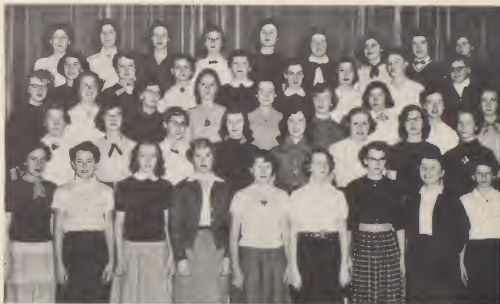
Formal initiation of our new members. . . . A supper for the football  
 players. . . . Hostesses at the first Newton-Jasper County Sunshine Supper  
 . . . Spreading Christmas cheer at the hospital. . . . Canvassing for  
 the Polio Drive. . . . The Dad's Supper. . . . Annual Spring Dance.  
 Mother's Day Tea. . . . And all year round keeping our identity a secret  
 from our Ideal Ladies. . . . What busy, busy days, but such fun!



TOP ROW: Gilmore, Hefner, Duggle-  
 by, Critser, Battleday, Day, Buling-  
 ton, Dowty, Chupp. SECOND ROW:  
 Biddle, J. Daugherty, Foster, Hintz,  
 Blumenthal, Chapman, Biggs, Flem-  
 ing. THIRD ROW: Bretzinger, Car-  
 roll, Green, Amott, Hayes, Amsler,  
 Finch, Agnew, Gutwein. FOURTH  
 ROW: Hammond, Caldwell, Cain,  
 Hickman, Brandenburg, Brown,  
 Challis, Dunlap. FIFTH ROW: Fitch,  
 Grant, Clark, Griffin, Burton, De-  
 Wees, F. Daugherty, B. Griffin, Allie.

# SOCIETY

TOP ROW: Loneragan, A. Jensen, Michal, Houston, S. Jensen, Murray, James, Hunter, Lewis, SECOND ROW: B. Meiser, Lintner, Jordan, Merritt, Smith, Kerns, Holbrook, Kirk, THIRD ROW: Kelley, Martin, Knouff, Mohr, Kresler, Hughes, J. Meiser, McGouran, Lehe, FOURTH ROW: D. Miller, Kresel, Kurtz, Jones, Klaus, Miller, Michal, Moore, FIFTH ROW: Mann, King, G. Michael, S. Merica, Lakin, M. Jensen, Jackson, P. Miller, Lane.



TOP ROW: Parrish, Phares, Rice, Pass, Rowan, Richards, F. Ockermann, Padgett, S. Phegley, SECOND ROW: Ogle, F. Phegley, P. Phegley, Shelley, L. Schultz, Pettet, Newcome, Nestus, THIRD ROW: Rayburn, D. Shindle, Pullin, K. Robinson, Ream, Reed, Shuster, Rimer, Schaden, FOURTH ROW: Schafer, Quinn, B. Risner, J. Shindle, Rude, Sanders, Scripser, A. Schultz, FIFTH ROW: Platt, Peacock, Reitz, Romine, Sellers, Paulus, Robinson, Ockermann, Trammell.



TOP ROW: Siegrist, Zeigler, C. Tonner, S. Tonner, Snow, Wollin, Wuerthner, Streitmatter, SECOND ROW: Yeoman, Sterrett, B. Williams, Werre, Valade, A. Spriggs, Smith, THIRD ROW: Wood, Willis, Wright, Swalm, Slaughter, Warran, E. Spriggs, S. Williams, FOURTH ROW: Taylor, Steinke, Stotler, Strain, Vogel, Tilton, Walter, FIFTH ROW: Wilkens, Smith, Weltzin, Wagner, Standish, Young, Stevens, Tiede.



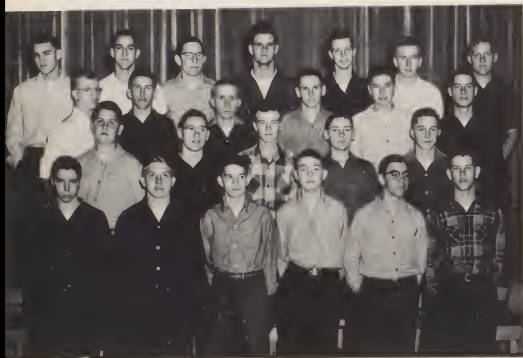




CITY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGNERS

Art Vinson . . . Secretary  
Gordon Dean . . . Treasurer  
Michael Grant . . . Vice-Pres.  
Max Henry . . . President  
Mr. Davisson . . . Sponsor

All of the big empty paper bags that we placed in the halls were soon filled with clothing when we helped save the Children's Federation. Now we know that "Success" is a big word. As soon as we lost our "jitters" from presenting the high school Thanksgiving Program, we began collecting and distributing food, clothing, and toys to needy families at Christmas Time. What a wonderful feeling comes with helping someone.



TOP ROW: Draves, Felder, Davisson, Hopkins, Eshleman, Caldwell, Battleday. SECOND ROW: Brunsahan, R. Jordan, Culp, Carter, Duley, Hughes. THIRD ROW: Daugherty, DeWees, D. Jordan, Fleming, Allie. FOURTH ROW: Handley, Clouse, Foster, Hamacher, Blackledge, Ailhood.

# CLUB



TOP ROW: Key, Lee, Pass, Linback,  
Phegley, Mau, Lawson, SECOND  
ROW: B. Miller, Nesius, Kanne, R.  
Kohley, Knorr, Paulus, THIRD ROW:  
Quinn, Kaufman, Lambert, C.  
Miller, McGouran, Randle, Rishling,  
FOURTH ROW: C. Kohley, Knoerzer,  
Lucas, Padgitt, McAleer, Long.

When spring returned, we gathered our rakes, baskets, and trucks, and wearing our oldest Levi's, set out to work cleaning up the city. When we finished, the city was spotless; but oh, how our muscles ached the next day! However, all of our year's work was rewarded when we sat next to our best girl at our annual banquet in the spring.



TOP ROW: Wortley, Zickmund, Wuer-  
thner, Weltzin, Tullis, Swing, Siegrist,  
SECOND ROW: Standish, Shuster, Rule,  
Trammell, Smith, Tilton, THIRD ROW:  
Ristau, Sheldon, Walker, Shindelar,  
Sweeney, Trotter, Wood, FOURTH ROW:  
Sheffer, Spall, Simons, Slaughter,  
Swartzell, Merica.

# MONOGRAM



"DON'T THEY LOOK SHARP?"

Rex Wuerthner.	. Vice-Pres.
Jim Caldwell .	Sec. Treas.
Paul Eshleman .	President
Coach Myers .	. Sponsor
Coach Straight .	. Sponsor

Our dues are one major letter, and we are always willing to show it. Although we spent most of our time practising, we took time out to sponsor Dad's Night and let Mom and Dad share with us the honors of an athlete.

Fun is for all at R. H. S. and we girls, as well as the boys, have a chance to engage in sports. Monday nights were set aside as special when we played volleyball, ping pong, and badminton in the gym. What fun!



TOP ROW: Carman, Smith, Felder, Dean, Linback, Pass, Mau, Knorr,  
SECOND ROW: Davison, Standish, Henry, Trammell, Lee, Draves, Brusnahan, THIRD ROW: Shuster, McElfresh, Lambert, Lawson, Carter, Paulus, FOURTH ROW: Miller, Slaughter, Clouse, DeWees, Sweeney, Vinson, Grant.

# G. A. A.

Joan Hansen . . . Sec. Treas.  
 Jean Pullin . . . President  
 Sandra Martin . . . Vice-Pres.  
 Miss Stoner. . . . Sponsor



TIME OUT TO RELAX

TOP ROW: Merritt, Houston, Gilmore, Alberts, Battleday, Day, Hunter, James. SECOND ROW: Arnott, Michael, Green, Newcome, Kems, Agnew, Michal. THIRD ROW: Hammond, Carroll, Lewis, Mann, Kurtz, Kelley, Brown, Daugherry. FOURTH ROW: Hintz, Klaus, Fleming, Cain, Caldwell, Blumenthal, Merica. FIFTH ROW: Trammell, DeWees, Grant, Clark, Burton, Jensen, Lakin, Challis.



TOP ROW: Parrish, Rice, C. Tonner, Zeigler, S. Tonner, Wollin, Rayburn, Ogle. SECOND ROW: Smith, Slaughter, S. Phegley, Sterrett, Yeoman, Vinson, S. Williams. THIRD ROW: Wright, P. Phegley, K. Robinson, J. Phegley, Schaden, Swaim, Rardin, Reitz. FOURTH ROW: Schafer, Quinn, Stotler, Wilkens, C. Williams, Rude. FIFTH ROW: Romine, D. Robinson, Ockermann, Paulus, Risner, Young.



# SCIENCE CLUB



"EINSTEINS" ENJOY EXPERIMENTS

Jane Conlin  
Mary Allie  
Mr. Jack  
Rose Quinn

President  
Vice-Pres.  
Sponsor  
Sec. Treas.

TOP ROW: M. Nestus, Timmons, Key, Draves, Fiala, Shuster, W. Henry, Carman,  
SECOND ROW: Rice, Tonner, Hunter, C. Kelly, Siegrist, Michal, Spriggs, THIRD ROW: Slaughter, Carroll, V. Kelley, Hansen, Sterrett, Blumenthal, Chupp, Valade, FOURTH ROW: Shuster, Jones, Klaus, Merica, Challis, Dowty, Knouff, FIFTH ROW: Reitz, Fleming, Cain, Walter, Stevens, Scripter,



# PHOTO CLUB



## OUR NEW ENLARGER

Richa Wellin, Patty Phegley, Shirley Kirk, Larry Fleming, Joseph Lawson, Patty Pass, Mr. Mohr (Sponsor), Fred Walter, Alma Biggs, Ed Townsend, Charles Draves, Robert Lambert,





### "WE ARE LOYAL TO YOU, RENSSELAER"

Sports are a big part of the training at Rensselaer High School, and this year even the girls got in on it. The Pep Club was organized with membership qualifications consisting of a white shirt, a good strong voice, plenty of school spirit and good sportsmanship. At basketball and football games we proved how much we think of R. H. S. and its athletes and convinced others that this was a great part of "THE BEST YEARS OF OUR LIVES."



#### VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

TOP ROW: Manager Shuster, Vinson, McGouran, Lee, Sheldon, Quinn, R. Pass, Manager Bretzinger. SECOND ROW: Clouse, DeWees, Paulus, Dean, Mau, Felder, Hopkins, Zickmund, Knorr, Draves, Walters, Sayler, Long. THIRD ROW: Wuerthner, Carter, Eshleman, Slaughter, Henry, L. Pass, Linback, McElfresh, Smith, Lambert, Davisson.

#### FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL TEAM



TOP ROW: Manager Bretzinger, Lawson, Kanne, Quinn, McGouran, Tilton, Sheldon, Manager Lucas. SECOND ROW: Smucker, Hopkins, Parker, Coach Harrison, Daugherty, Yeoman, Pass. THIRD ROW: Bramble, Miller, Allie, Arlhood, McAleer, Moore. FOURTH ROW: Chapman, Merica, Turner, Shindelar, Handley, Flinn.



## FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

### Varsity

RHS	26	Monticello	13
RHS	0	Crispus Attucks	20
RHS	19	Edison Gary	6
RHS	38	Knox	0
RHS	44	Dyer	0
RHS	41	Lowell	14
RHS	13	West Lafayette	21
RHS	38	East Gary	7
RHS	38	North Judson	6

### Frosh-Soph

RHS	2	Monticello	2
RHS	0	Jeff of Lafayette	0
RHS	0	Knox	12
RHS	38	Monticello	12



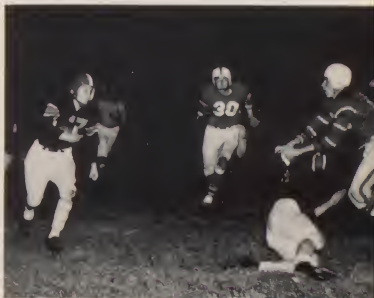
COACH MYERS WORKS TOO

## GRIDIRON SPIRIT RUNS HIGH

The Bombers showed determination as they developed from a group of fundamentally weak boys to one of "THE BEST" teams in this part of the state. The "spirit", the general feeling of co-operation, and the willingness to give "all" to a worthwhile sport, was high at all times. The members of this team will long be remembered for their spirit and fight as well as for their remarkable display of courage in meeting opponents who many times outweighed them.

The 7-2 season rewarded each boy with a feeling of satisfaction for a job well done.

## RENSSELAER BOMBERS COME THROUGH





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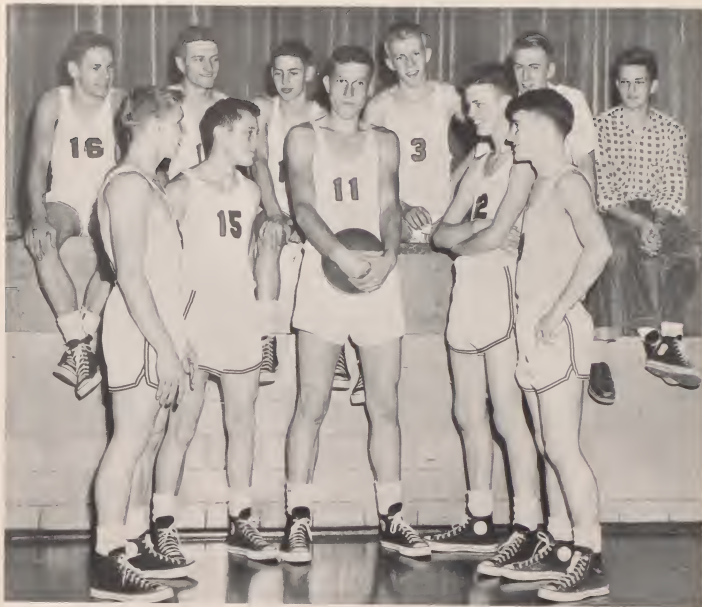
Bob Straight, Varsity Coach; Wave  
Myers, "B-Team" Coach

# VARSITY SCOREBOARD

RHS	78	Lowell	30
RHS	32	Morocco	38
RHS	54	Remington	27
RHS	40	Hebron	61
RHS	41	Attica	44
RHS	46	Valparaiso	48
RHS	47	Kentland	49
Holiday-Tourney:			
RHS	49	Fowler	58
RHS	49	Winamac	48
RHS	64	Brook	54
RHS	70	Dyer	45
RHS	66	Winamac	60
RHS	53	West Lafayette	46
RHS	59	Monticello	58
RHS	61	Brookston	73
RHS	58	Gary Roosevelt	57
RHS	52	North Judson	62
RHS	64	Delphi	41
RHS	50	Crown Point	46
RHS	61	Rossville	54
Sectional Tourney:			
RHS	51	Brook	52

"Y-E-A- BOMBERS, S-A-Y- BOMBERS, FIGHT!"





VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

TOP ROW: Carter, Standish, Ristau, Linback, Manager Caldwell, Manager Lawson, SECOND ROW: Clouse, DeWees, Wuerthner, Eshleman, Vinson.

#### 1953-54 BOMBERS, A CREDIT TO THE RED AND BLACK

It's the spirit that counts and the "Straight Men" showed that they were bubbling with it. After a "five-in-a-row" loss toward the end of 1953, these lads came back to win 9 out of 11 games--and against the season's toughest competition too! No, they didn't win the sectional, but the fight was in them until the sound of the gun. When everyone has forgotten who won the 1954 Sectional, the undying spirit of these boys and their coach will be remembered at R. H. S.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

D. Jordan, Wortley, Mau, Sheldon, Brandenburg, Coach Myers, Handley, Shindelar, M. Jordan, Walker, McGouran, Manager Grant.

CHEERLEADERS--A MUST!

Laurel Radin, Linda Trammel



B-TEAM SCOREBOARD

RHS	33	Lowell	31
RHS	25	Morocco	28
RHS	26	Remington	30
RHS	52	Hebron	55
RHS	34	Attica	36
RHS	40	Valparaiso	43
RHS	30	Kentland	43
RHS	28	Brook	44

B-Team Tourney:

RHS	27	Wheatfield	25
RHS	29	DeMotte	34
RHS	37	Dyer	25
RHS	27	Winamac	33
RHS	21	West Lafayette	27
RHS	32	Monticello	49
RHS	45	Brookston	37
RHS	45	Gary Roosevelt	36
RHS	37	North Judson	26
RHS	23	Delphi	48
RHS	32	Crown Point	31
RHS	37	Rossville	31



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM

TOP ROW: Coach Harrison, Motherall, Nesius, Day, Kanne, Yeoman, Rishling, Padgitt, Manager Merica.  
SECOND ROW: Fleming, Hershberger, Lawson, Pass, Allie, Arihood, Baker, McAleer, Lucas.

### YOUNG BOMBERS MATCH BUSY SEASON

#### FRESHMAN "A" TEAM

RHS	23	Crown Point	28
RHS	28	Monticello	26
RHS	37	Morocco	31
RHS	39	Winamac	34
RHS	41	Brook	35
RHS	26	Fowler	21

#### Tourney:

RHS	36	Fair Oaks	16
RHS	30	Wheatfield	28
RHS	32	Francesville	42
RHS	29	Crown Point	26
RHS	35	Morocco	32
RHS	34	Jefferson	62
RHS	37	Brook	36
RHS	48	Remington	34

#### FRESHMAN "B" TEAM

RHS	19	Crown Point	31
RHS	9	Morocco	33
RHS	20	Winamac	26
RHS	19	Brook	22
RHS	29	Francesville	16
RHS	23	Crown Point	25
RHS	18	Morocco	24
RHS	27	Jefferson	41
RHS	35	Brook	31

The end of the season--but so many memories. The younger members of the "Red and Black" played their "BEST" ball and proved their worth as future "Rensselaer Men." Besides the hard work, it was great fun!

#### FRESHMAN MORALE BUILDERS

Eunice Paulus, Bonnie DeWees, Beth Ockermann



# TRACK



1953 VARSITY TRACK TEAM

TOP ROW: Coach Harrison, Clouse, Carter, Mau, Wuerthner, Hopkins, Lee, Paulus, Sheldon, Taber. SECOND ROW: Ristau, Randle, Vinson, McGouran, Quinn, Jordan, Foster, Kaufman, Bramble, Manager Hamacher. NOT PICTURED: Smith, Jarrette, Ford, Sanders.

## THEY GAINED SECTIONAL HONORS

### ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! GO!

We're real proud of our track team--and we have every right to be. When the first warm spring days arrive (and even on the cold ones), right after school you can see twenty handsome young lads race for the combined football field and track. It was a hard season and these young "Athenian Men" can be proud of all their brightly colored ribbons and trophies.

Two boys came back from the sectional track meet with honors for both themselves and Rensselaer High School. "Lightning" George Clouse won first place in the 100 yard dash and and threatened to steal first place in the broad jump. He jumped just a little short, but we were proud of his red ribbon. Rex Wuerthner accompanied George to Lafayette and stole third place in the low hurdles event.











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